

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Serial No.: Not yet assigned  
A divisional of  
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For: VIDEO SECURITY SYSTEM

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of this divisional application, please amend the application as follows:

**In the Specification**

Please add as the first paragraph the following statement:

This application is a divisional from U.S. Application Serial No. 09/718,864, filed on November 21, 2000, which is a divisional of U.S. Serial No. 09/250,921, Patent 6,166,763, issued on December 26, 2000, which is a divisional of U.S. Patent 5,923,364, issued on July 13, 1999, which is a divisional of parent U.A. Patent 5,745,166, issued on April 28, 1998.

Please cancel claims 1 through 6 of the parent application.

Please add the following new claims taken from the immediate parent to this application,  
Serial No. 09/718,864:

7. (New) A programmable equalizer comprising:  
a plurality of video input devices;